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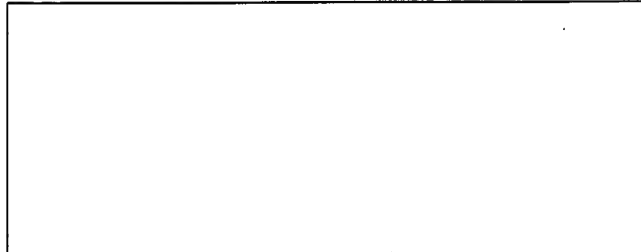
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 29, 2005, and to request a Pre-appeal Brief request review.

Sincerely yours,

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Tom Yuxin Zhu

REMARKS

1. The examiner's rejection in the OA Section 4, page 4 is incorrect.

As the applicant had already explained in the response to the previous OA dated on 2/22/2005, on section 4, page 5:

"The present invention is different from Menter's invention in both principle and structure.

Menter's invention does not have the floating arms of the present invention. Menter's invention has only the slits. The function of the slits is to "allow the rapid passage of excreta" (col. 2, lns. 35, 36), while, the floating arms of the present invention is to prevent the "rapid passage of excreta" by damper of the impact of the falling feces. The principle of the present invention is just the opposite of that of the Menter's.

Slits are the openings purposely created, while present invention provides substantially complete coverage, and openings are not desirable. The material left between the slits of the Menter's have two ends fixed, and can not move as the floating arm of the present invention, and therefore do not have the functions that the floating arms of the present invention have."

Besides the differences in function, structure, and principle between the arms of the present invention and Menter's device as explained above, the common terminology of the language for arm means an object that has one fixed end and one movable end. In Menter's device, the material left between cuts has both ends fixed, which can not be called arms. Therefore, the applicant does not see any reason to say that Menter's device has arms. Therefore, the examiner's disagreement on "Menter's invention does not have the floating arms of the present invention" was incorrect.

It was also incorrect that the examiner wrote "The Menter splash prevention device is a buoyant sheet of paper having a series of cuts that define arms which

allow the passage of waste and prevent splashing. This disclosure in Menter”(lns 15 -19 of the OA). This was not Menter’s disclosure. It is examiner’s words. Menter does not have such words. The examiner can not use his words as the disclosure of a reference to do further extrapolation to reject the present application

The fact is that the cuts of Menter’s device do not define arms, and the material left between the cuts (which are called “arms” by the examiner) will not “allow the passage of the waste”, instead will prohibit the passage of the waste. This is exactly the problem of Menter’s device as the present applicant had explained on the page 2, lns 17-20 of the present application.

1. The examiner’s rejection in the OA Section 5, page 4 is incorrect.

The examiner talked about using wax to create “a slippery surface”. As the applicant had already explained in the response to the OA dated on 2/22/2005, on section 5, page 5: “The issue of using wax to create a slippery surface is irrelevant to the present application”. The application of the present invention does not have any thing about “to create a slippery surface”. The applicant dose not understand how could the examiner use some thing irrelevant to this applicant as the reason of the rejection.